



Meeting Date: 11 February, 2010

In Attendance:

Jane Bush	Rebecca Schmiesing
Susan Boyer	Melissa Hemingway
Kim Hoover	Teresa Lewis
Lynnda Petersen	Linda White
Aaron Brand	Melody Jones
Crystal Walton	Jeremy Miller
Jean Rodgers	

Melody opened meeting at 7 p.m.

Melody began by asking if everyone had reviewed last meeting's minutes, and if there were any changes.

Lynnda Petersen asked for her last name to be corrected.

Minutes were approved as noted.

Passed out Floral Competition Brochures and discussion was opened with revising the Residential Category checklist to include rental property description for entry-way line.

Melody brought the new members in attendance up to speed regarding the different committees.

Continued reviewing agenda.



Broke into sub-committee

### **Heritage Sub-committee Discussion:**

Subject of the Meeting: Martha Doan Memorial

Guest: Joe Roberts and his wife Leanne Roberts

Joe started with the history of the cemetery.

What he knows is all from public records.

The establishment of The Friends church, the cemetery, the purchasing of land.

Mid-land Railroad and its impact on the cemetery.

1960's Westfield's Women's Club decided to clean up the abandoned cemetery.

The cities involvement afterwards.

The stones were thrown on the side of the hill.

Conner Prairie's involvement with the stones.

The three lists of people buried there and the inconsistencies among the lists.

Lots of unmarked graves before and after the clean up.

Martha Doan

A prominent daughter of Westfield, national accomplishments (1<sup>st</sup> woman to earn a PHD in the country for Chemistry from Purdue.) She had a lot of books.

The Doan Family

Father-farming innovator.

Home moved to Conner Prairie (Golden Eagle Hotel).

Lots of boxes from home stored in State Library or the State Historical Society.

The split in The Friends Church

Anti-Slavery Group (North Union, Asa Bales)

Original group

"In My Youth" by James Baldwin a realistic fiction book from a Westfield resident in Westfield during the Underground Railroad.

Joe and his wife did a video about Martha Doan for the historical society.



Our goal for Martha Doan: create a garden, have the story and info on signage or maybe something more advanced, like computer screens or audio buttons.

Melody would like to have a one-on-one meeting with Joe and wife with Mark.

The Friends Church is currently writing with history because it is their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

What could represent Martha Doan in her memorial? What did she like?

A very pleasant person, liked flowers, had tons of books, part of the Women's Club

Thinking about designing a sculpture around the continuing education theme to represent her ideas and accomplishments.

It was a little past 8pm and we ended our discussion.

### **Floral Display Sub-committee Discussion:**

Began discussion regarding competition brochure by talking about Westfield In Bloom (WIB) logo. Lynnda Petersen asked if the Westfield text could be changed to white. Linda White asked if the group photo on the brochure could be revised for a better shot.

Discussion was made about changing the color of text from black to white in the description area of America In Bloom.

Asked if the logo could be modified making it easier to read. Group asked if the competition Celebration Banquet, if the date for July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 was correct.

Under the business category on the brochure, if the best window display could be changed to best window boxes.

Discussion was brought up regarding layout changes to the competition brochure.



Afterwards, the group discussed press release in that the press release will be started after the brochure was completed and would be handled in entirety by the Westfield Parks Department and City of Westfield Public Relations Department.

Then brought up discussion about having a winner for each one of the categories for the competition. Talked about how the judges decided to remove category from receiving an award and if this would occur again in the competition this year.

Group discussion regarding the planter boxes downtown and pansies being planted in the containers prior to Community Plant Day. Jeremy asked Aaron Brand to find out if Heartland Growers would be willing to donate the pansies for the planters. Aaron will follow up. Group agreed to be involved in the planting of the pansies, date to be determined.

Jeremy opened discussion about Community Plant Day. Discussed volunteers and organizations that could help with the plant day. Ideas generated by the group were:

Boy Scouts, Brownie Troops, Church Groups, 4H Clubs or organizations, potentially running ad's in Westfield Current and Westfield Star newspapers

The discussion turned to downtown planters, hanging baskets, and what day Community Plant Day would be held on.

Question brought up adding more planters to the bridge on Union Street. Possible organizations that would be willing to be a food sponsor for Community Plant Day.

Idea's: The Brownie Lady, Chic-Fil-A, Delicious Bakery

Aaron asked if the email reminder for bi-weekly meetings could be sent earlier than Wednesdays.



Theresa Lewis asked if someone from Westfield In Bloom committee could attend the Country Side Sub-division Plant Sale to promote Westfield In Bloom. (Country Side's Plant Sale is May 1<sup>st</sup>, 9am-12pm)

Started to review the online floral contest registration form. Group wanted to make sure the online and printable registration forms matched in content. Discussion was brought up that the last name field was a required field. Would like to add 2010 to the title of the online registration. Also, discussion was made of what would be the minimum number of homes that would constitute "block or cul-de-sac" in the category selection.

Linda White asked about the Master Gardener's educational sessions in coordination with Ron Rothrock.

The group asked Jane Bush if she could talk to the Brownie Troops if they would be willing to hang door hangers.

**Community and Tidiness Sub-committee did not convene.**



**All Sub-committee's reconvened.**

Reviewed Floral Display ideas with the rest of committee members in attendance.

Reviewed Heritage ideas with the rest of committee members in attendance.

Aaron and Jeremy brought into discussion the floral designs for Red Man Park, Freedom Trail Park, Asa Bales north and south, and Quaker Park.

Linda White asked how the gardens could be laid out to have volunteers help because of the complexity of the designs. Rebecca Schmeising presented an idea of using water based utility marking paint.

Melody closed the meeting.

Next meeting Feb 25, 2010. City Service Building, Main Media Room.

Adjourned at: 8:40 pm

Minutes submitted for approval by: Kathy Gray and Crystal Walton on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010.